

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1952.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th June, 1952, was estimated to be 601,266, comprising 310,214 Males and 291,052 Females.

The estimated population of the Metropolitan Area at the 31st December, 1951, was 317,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

		SEPTEMBER.		9 Months Ended SEPTEMBER.	
		1952	1951	1952	1951
Marriages	Number.	469	400	4,000	4,002
	*Rate per 1000 of Population.	9.45	8.32	8.92	9.23
Births	Number.	1,401	1,149	11,590	11,186
	*Rate per 1000 of Population.	28.22	23.90	25.85	25.80
Deaths	Number.	505	424	3,925	4,018
	*Rate per 1000 of Population.	10.17	8.82	8.75	9.27
Infant Mortality	Number.	28	23	309	334
	*Rate per 1000 Live Births.	19.99	20.02	26.66	29.86
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>					
Tuberculosis.		1	5	57	62
Cancer.		78	56	520	530
Influenza.		1	3	13	17
Diphtheria.		1	1	2	11
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.		51	51	468	432
Arteriosclerosis.		19	19	132	164
Diseases of the Heart.		190	143	1,269	1,303
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia.		23	15	137	155
Diarrhoea and Enteritis.		1	3	35	53
Nephritis.		10	6	61	64
Diseases of Early Infancy.		16	15	189	205
Senility.		4	2	22	17
Accidents.		32	28	294	299
All Other Causes.		78	77	726	706
Total.		505	424	3,925	4,018

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

\* Deaths under one year.

*Libary*





LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the ten months ended October, 1952, totalled 982,687 acres, a decrease of 63,443 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 2,971,311 acres, a decrease of 748,497.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of OCTOBER.		4 Months Ended OCTOBER.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue.	3,389,623	2,602,326	10,919,067	10,431,522
Revenue per Head of Population.	£5.11. 8d	£4. 8. 9d	£18. 1. 3d	£17.16.11d
Expenditure.	3,191,025	2,763,163	12,209,230	10,650,605
Expenditure per Head of Population.	£5. 5. 1d	£4.14. 3d	£20. 3.11d	£18. 4. 4d

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st October, 1952, amounted to £48,676,957 or £80. 1. 9d per head of population as against £45,998,375 or £78. 5.10d per head as at the 31st October last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 5 weeks ended 29th October, 1952, amounted to £10,964,229 compared with £11,069,039 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds.		OCTOBER.		4 Months Ended OCTOBER.	
		1952	1951	1952	1951
Transfers.	No.	1,701	2,016	6,688	8,626
	£.	1,807,195	2,313,363	7,225,732	11,528,725
Mortgages.	No.	1,215	1,282	4,735	5,681
	£.	1,664,824	1,745,540	7,101,828	8,153,747
Discharges of Mortgages.	No.	815	904	3,484	3,842

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND

TAX COLLECTED.

Period of Receipt of Returns.	Taxable Goods.		Sales of Exempt Goods.	Tax Collected.
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable. (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable. (Gross).		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Four months ended OCTOBER, 1951	12,517,828	9,530,815	28,333,753	1,426,713
Four months ended OCTOBER, 1952.	11,827,846	8,613,002	28,026,903	1,766,423
Month of OCTOBER, 1951.	3,581,597	2,263,518	8,407,377	446,186
Month of OCTOBER, 1952.	3,040,310	2,065,107	7,464,674	476,574

# LAND REVENUE

Land revenue is an important source of income for the Government. It is levied on the land owned by individuals and corporations. The revenue is used for various purposes, including the maintenance of public works and the payment of interest on Government loans.

## GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Month of October	1952		1951	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Revenue	1,000,000	950,000	1,000,000	950,000
Expenditure	1,000,000	950,000	1,000,000	950,000
Surplus	0	0	0	0

## SAVINGS BANK

The Savings Bank is a government-owned institution that provides a safe place for individuals to save their money. It offers a variety of savings accounts, including current accounts, fixed deposits, and term deposits. The bank is committed to providing excellent service to its customers and to promoting savings as a means of financial security.

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## REAL ESTATE TAXATION

Month of October	1952		1951	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Revenue	1,000,000	950,000	1,000,000	950,000
Expenditure	1,000,000	950,000	1,000,000	950,000
Surplus	0	0	0	0

## LAND TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE LAND

### TAX COLLECTION

Month of October	1952		1951	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Revenue	1,000,000	950,000	1,000,000	950,000
Expenditure	1,000,000	950,000	1,000,000	950,000
Surplus	0	0	0	0



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

35 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £2,269,000 and 18 Foreign Companies were registered during the four months ended October, 1952. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 33 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,896,500, and 26 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	Four Months Ended OCTOBER.					
	1952			1951		
	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders.	11	26,348	10,417	7	20,347	26,020
Deeds of Assignment.(a)	11	46,435	45,179	4	5,935	3,813
Deeds of Arrangement.	-	-	-	1	1,978	1,015

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

		SEPTEMBER.		3 Months Ended SEPTEMBER.	
		1952/	1951	1952 /	1951
Gross Earnings.(a) *	£.	446,600	745,900	1,208,900	2,366,200
Working Expenses.(a)	£.	885,832	827,326	2,468,956	2,525,371
Train Miles Run.	No.	239,148	571,165	601,952	1,796,992
Motor Bus Miles Run.	No.	(b) 186,002	(b) 153,379	(c) 518,678	(c) 445,176
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train.	No.	212,230	1,205,389	580,696	2,916,226
Motor Bus.	No.	60,567	50,940	176,674	146,298
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods.		129,572	243,909	339,226	795,516
Livestock.		12,121	11,137	24,986	27,654
Departmental.		32,087	57,326	88,185	194,465
(Free Freight)					
Total.		173,780	312,372	452,397	1,017,635
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>					
Paying Goods.		18,612,130	36,514,849	45,452,088	121,165,529
Livestock.		1,436,570	1,395,617	3,204,777	3,572,589
Departmental.		5,261,066	7,452,726	11,257,948	23,005,639
(Free Freight).					
Total.		25,309,766	45,363,192	59,914,813	147,743,757

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 20th September.

(c) Period ended 20th September

\* Figures liable to revision.

/ Figures reflect result of Metal Trade Strike.





MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1950	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
1952 -								
January	290	148	1	140	602	398	3	237
February	378	175	3	143	774	469	9	231
March	407	228	4	156	881	611	11	261
April	512	241	5	120	949	568	7	177
May	390	186	8	65	769	494	13	115
June	238	129	16	68	501	388	18	115
July	293	156	7	79	542	437	8	151
August	260	137	3	65	493	385	3	108
September	300	140	7	56	594	397	10	125

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) \*

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1950 -								
June	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
1951 -								
June	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
1952 -								
January	35,934	15,770	498	9,834	59,073	46,524	915	14,934
February	36,069	15,824	501	9,867	60,178	48,141	950	15,357
March	36,377	15,964	507	9,907	60,967	48,676	963	15,507
April	36,863	16,133	507	9,953	62,146	49,462	962	15,796
May	37,050	16,210	509	9,894	62,999	50,354	973	15,902
June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
July	38,683	16,721	522	10,110	63,573A	49,705A	999A	14,950A
August	38,845	16,769	524	10,094	64,968A	50,001A	1,001A	14,977A
September	39,156	16,857	525	10,123	64,573	50,346	1,005	15,075

\* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for September, 1952:-  
105 Cars: 764 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 11 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

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TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, September, 1952 and 1951, and three months ended September, 1952 and 1951, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	SEPTEMBER		3 Months Ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		3 Months Ended SEPTEMBER	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
Oversea	£.000	£.000	£.000	£.000	£.000	£.000	£.000	£.000
Interstate	2,806	7,603	8,583	16,065	4,317	4,876	16,660	18,263
	5,483	4,608	18,103	16,389	2,037	975	6,273	2,932
Total	8,289	12,211	26,686	32,454	6,354	5,851	22,933	21,195





BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period.	Dwellings.				Factories.		Other.		Total.	
	Owner-Built.		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952 -										
March Qr.	586	1,103	898	1,779	14	185	121	399	1,619	3,466
June Qr.	737	1,296	1,175	2,458	9	103	128	428	2,049	4,285
Sept. Qr.	669	1,451	1,400	3,470	19	170	141	644	2,229	5,735

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls.									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly Wood.		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material.		Total.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952 -										
March Qr.	559	1,374	113	171	769	1,255	36	70	1,477	2,870
June Qr.	732	1,858	138	245	986	1,542	43	87	1,899	3,732
Sept. Qr.	792	2,200	248	614	961	1,751	39	90	2,040	4,655

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

2,299,131 lbs. were produced during October, 1952, and 7,432,081 lbs. for the four months ended October, 1952, as against 2,399,663 lbs. and 7,859,746 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1951.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	OCTOBER.		10 Months Ended OCTOBER.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	68,472	51,433	606,319	519,533
Value (Aust. Currency)* £.	1,060,751	796,777	9,392,934	8,048,435

\* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the ten months ended October, 1952, amounted to £593,747. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1951 amounted to £661,406.





RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

	Food and Groceries.				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	SEPTEMBER QUARTER		12 Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER QUARTER		12 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
Metropolitan Area.	2448	2019	2283	1856	2216	1911	2111	1764
Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	2645	2158	2466	1992	2309	1995	2201	1847
Northam.	2511	2051	2342	1878	2239	1915	2120	1776
Bunbury.	2500	2051	2333	1880	2242	1923	2135	1775
Geraldton.	2569	2093	2385	1913	2355	2002	2225	1855
Collie.	2518	2050	2344	1880	2130	1829	2027	1693

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month.	1951			1952		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
January.	123,741	40,324	164,065	127,021	40,611	167,632
February.	124,946	41,182	166,128	127,314	41,319	168,633
March.	125,210	41,480	166,690	127,666	41,367	169,033
April.	124,785	41,729	166,514	126,905	41,326	168,231
May.	124,715	41,642	166,357	126,734	41,110	167,844
June.	125,284	41,564	166,848	126,001	40,564	166,565
July.	125,649	41,445	167,094	125,215	40,408	165,623
August.	125,475	41,602	167,077	125,577	40,115	165,692
September.	125,366	41,474	166,840	125,235	40,272	165,507
October.	125,843	41,405	167,248			
November.	126,646	41,467	168,113			
December.	126,667	41,743	168,410			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

	FACTORIES. (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)).					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)).				
	1948	1949	1950	1951(a)	1952(a)	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
January.	171	179	194	208	213	1233	1354	1410	1490	1540
February.	172	182	197	212	212	1249	1358	1387	1495	1536
March.	176	186	200	215	212	1264	1371	1415	1513	1522
April.	176	187	200	215	209	1264	1377	1415	1508	1517
May.	177	187	203	216	207	1277	1354	1418	1500	1512
June.	177	187	202	215	205	1277	1362	1429	1517	1495
July.	177	182	204	216	204	1301	1381	1423	1517	1497
August.	179	189	204	215	207	1294	1377	1419	1510	1488
September.	180	190	204	212	206	1302	1365	1423	1518	1485
October.	180	191	206	214		1318	1375	1431	1522	
November.	182	192	207	214		1349	1402	1450	1537	
December.	182	194	207	213		1385	1470	1531	1587	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1951 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

# RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Countries for 1923/24 = 1000)

Country	1923/24		1924/25		1925/26		1926/27		1927/28		1928/29	
	1923	1924	1923	1924	1923	1924	1923	1924	1923	1924	1923	1924
Belgium	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
France	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Germany	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Italy	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Japan	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Netherlands	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Portugal	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Spain	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Sweden	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Switzerland	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
United Kingdom	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
United States	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000

## ESTIMATED TOTAL EXPORTS

(Including Rural and Native Domestic)  
 Figures supplied by Government Statistics

Month	1923/24		1924/25		1925/26		1926/27		1927/28		1928/29	
	1923	1924	1923	1924	1923	1924	1923	1924	1923	1924	1923	1924
January	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
February	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
March	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
April	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
May	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
June	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
July	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
August	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
September	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
October	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
November	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
December	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000

## RETAIL PRICES INDEX

Month	1923/24		1924/25		1925/26		1926/27		1927/28		1928/29	
	1923	1924	1923	1924	1923	1924	1923	1924	1923	1924	1923	1924
January	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
February	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
March	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
April	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
May	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
June	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
July	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
August	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
September	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
October	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
November	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
December	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000

(a) Figures supplied by Government Statistics  
 (b) Figures supplied by Government Statistics  
 (c) Figures supplied by Government Statistics



STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
27th October 1952	£. s. d. 11. 18. 6	£. s. d. 7. 15. 0	£. s. d. 11. 19. 2	£. s. d. 7. 15. 6	£. s. d. 12. 4. 2	£. s. d. 7. 18. 9

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA

(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations).

Particulars	OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	28,583	26,821	116,229	107,329
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	25,288	23,426	102,482	93,913

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
October, 1952	6,536	845	225,803	10,764
October, 1951	5,259	398	117,589	11,475
10 Months ended October, 1952	86,966	5,500	923,251	95,487
10 Months ended October, 1951	96,858	3,527	533,090	91,867

WHITE RABBIT WOLF

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1st October 1952	11.10.52	6.7.52	11.10.52	7.10.52	11.10.52	7.10.52

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(Generated by U.S. Government Power Stations)

Period	OCTOBER		4 MONTHS ended OCTOBER	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	25.187	24.921	105,039	107,339
Units Sent out (1000 K.W.H.)	24.187	23.406	103,462	95,917

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Period	OCTOBER		5 MONTHS ended OCTOBER	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
October, 1952	25.187	24.921	105,039	107,339
October, 1951	24.187	23.406	103,462	95,917
10 Months ended October, 1952	25.187	24.921	105,039	107,339
10 Months ended October, 1951	24.187	23.406	103,462	95,917